

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 21 thru 30 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter, and add claim 31 as follows:

Claims 1 thru 10. (Canceled)

1           11. (Previously Presented) A unit for interconnecting a bar of soap and other items,  
2     comprising:  
3           a support body buried in the bar of soap;  
4           first connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a first end of the bar of  
5     soap for connecting the bar of soap to a hanging device from which the bar of soap hangs; -  
6     and  
7           second connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a second end of the  
8     bar of soap for connecting the bar of soap to one of the other items;  
9           wherein said second connecting means comprises a shaft having a socket type clip  
10    formed on an end of said shaft for connection to an enlarged end of an insertion shaft  
11    extending from said one of the other items.

1           12. (Previously Presented) A unit for interconnecting a bar of soap and other items,  
2     comprising:  
3           a support body buried in the bar of soap;

4 first connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a first end of the bar of  
5 soap for connecting the bar of soap to a hanging device from which the bar of soap hangs;  
6 and

7 second connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a second end of the  
8 bar of soap for connecting the bar of soap to one of the other items;

9 wherein said first connecting means comprises an insertion shaft which is enlarged  
10 at its end for insertion into a socket type clip provided at an end of the hanging device.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The unit of claim 12, wherein said second connecting  
2 means comprises a shaft having a socket type clip formed on an end of said shaft for  
3 connection to an enlarged end of an insertion shaft extending from one of the other items.

1 14. (Canceled).

1 15. (Previously Presented) The unit of claim 11, wherein said first connecting means  
2 comprises a shaft having a hook disposed on an end of said shaft for connection to the  
3 hanging device.

1 16. (Canceled).

1 17. (Previously Presented) A unit for interconnecting a bar of soap and other items,

2 comprising:

3 a support body buried in the bar of soap;

4 first connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a first end of the bar of  
5 soap for connecting the bar of soap to a hanging device from which the bar of soap hangs;

6 and

7 second connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a second end of the  
8 bar of soap for connecting the bar of soap to one of the other items;

9 wherein said second connecting means comprises a shaft having a ring formed at an  
10 end of said shaft for connection to a hook formed on an end of a further shaft extending from  
11 said one of the other items.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The unit of claim 11, wherein said first connecting  
2 means comprises a shaft having a bolt formed on an end of said shaft for connection to a nut  
3 part formed on an end of the hanging device.

1 19. (Canceled).

1 20. (Previously Presented) A unit for interconnecting a bar of soap and other items,  
2 comprising:

3 a support body buried in the bar of soap;

4 first connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a first end of the bar of

5 soap for connecting the bar of soap to a hanging device from which the bar of soap hangs;

6 and

7 second connecting means extending out of the bar of soap from a second end of the  
8 bar of soap for connecting the bar of soap to one of the other items;

9 wherein said second connecting means comprises a shaft having a nut part formed on  
10 an end of said shaft for connection to a bolt formed on an end of a further shaft extending  
11 from said one of the other items.

Claims 21 thru 30. (Canceled)

1 31. (New) The unit of claim 20, wherein said first connecting means comprises a  
2 shaft having a bolt formed on an end of said shaft for connection to a nut part formed on an  
3 end of the hanging device.